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PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE DELAYED

Powers Faces Quizzing on Hill

A Congressional committee probably will question U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers next week about his flight over Russia.

It also plans to summon Central Intelligence Agency Director John McCone to discuss results of a board of inquiry that looked into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Powers' crash in Russia, including whether he fulfilled his contract.

Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher (D., N. J.) said the House Foreign Affairs Committee would definitely call Mr. Powers unless the CIA advised against it. Rep. Gallagher, a member of the committee, did not say so, but Mr. Powers would probably

be questioned in closed session.

Since officials said that Mr. Powers is now a free agent, it appeared there would be no objection from the CIA.

Rep. Gallagher's announcement meant that Mr. Powers apparently will not hold a press conference until well into next week.

The board of inquiry has presented its findings to Mr. McCone. Mr. McCone was to have appeared before Senate and House committees today and tomorrow, but he was granted extra time to study the report.

He will begin testimony before congressional committees Monday.

Mr. Powers was still in seclusion. "He can walk out of where he is today," a spokesman said, "but he has not chosen to do so."

Officials said they would recommend to Mr. Powers that he hold a news conference.

Mr. McCone has final responsibility to decide what, if anything, should be done about Mr. Powers. There have been reports that the board found Mr. Powers did not fail to meet the terms of his contract with the CIA.

Mr. Powers has been behind a curtain of secrecy since he was returned to the United States Feb. 11 in an exchange for Russian spy Rudolf Abel. He had been in custody of Russia since his plane went down May 1, 1960.